

SENATE BILL 3333

By Wilder

AN ACT to name a bridge spanning Indian Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in Hardin County in honor of the late James (Wesley) Franks.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those citizens who departed this world at far too tender an age; and

WHEREAS, James (Wesley) Franks was born on April 14, 1995, and passed away on February 26, 2007, just prior to his twelfth birthday; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically shortened by a disease identified as Citrullinemia; and

WHEREAS, James (Wesley) Franks was a lifelong member of the Olive Hill community in Hardin County, where he was known and beloved as the "Miracle Baby"; and

WHEREAS, his family continues to be active in the civic affairs of the Olive Hill community and Hardin County; and

WHEREAS, the Hardin County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge to honor his memory in the Olive Hill community, where James (Wesley) Franks was loved and cherished by his family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Indian Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in the Olive Hill community of Hardin County is hereby designated the "James (Wesley) Franks Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to a young man who touched many lives through his courageous example during his all too brief time on earth.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "James (Wesley) Franks Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.